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## Non-covered Medical Procedures and Services

**MP9415**

**Medicare Policy:** Prior authorization is dependent on the member’s Medicare coverage. Prior authorization is not required for Medicare Cost (Dean Care Gold) and Medicare Supplement (Select) when this service is provided by participating providers. Prior authorization is required if a member has Medicare primary and Dean Health Plan secondary coverage. This policy is not applicable to our Medicare Replacement products.

**BadgerCare Plus Policy:** Dean Health Plan covers when BadgerCare Plus also covers the benefit. Please refer to Forward Health: <https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Default.aspx>

### Dean Health Plan Medical Policy:

1.0 **Table 1.0** lists **some** procedures and services that are not covered by The Health Plan because they: (1) failed to meet our definition of medical necessity; or (2) are considered investigational and/or experimental. The list is **not** all inclusive.

**Table 1.0. Non-covered Medical Procedures and Services (Not An All Inclusive List)**

**Abbreviations:** *NMN* = not medically necessary; *E/I* = experimental and/or investigational; *NC*=not covered

| Procedure Description  | Indication  | Reason Not Covered |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Body Surface-Activation Mapping of Pacemaker or Pacing Cardio-defibrillator (0695T, 0696T)           | All indications   | E/I                |
| Breast CT including 3D Rendering (0633T, 0634T, 0635T, 0636T, 0637T, 0638T))                         | All indications   | E/I                |
| Cardiac focal ablation utilizing radiation therapy (0745T 0746T 0747T)                               | For arrhythmia and all other indications                    | E/I                |
| Computed Tomographic Angiography (CTA), coronary atherosclerotic plaque (0623T, 0624T, 0625T, 0626T) | Severity of coronary disease and all other indications      | E/I                |
| Electrical impedance spectroscopy of 1 or more skin lesions (0658T) (e.g. Nevisense)                 | For automated melanoma risk score and all other indications | E/I                |
| Electrical stimulation device used for cancer treatment; electrode/transducer (A4555)                | All indications   | E/I                |

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| Endoscopic laser foraminoplasty (22899, 64999)   | All indications   | E/I                |
| EyeBOX System (Adjunctive Oculomotor Assessment Aid) (0615T)   | For traumatic brain injury, concussion, and all other indications | E/I                |
| Intraosseous Ablation Basivertebral (e.g., Intracept) (64628 64629 C9452 C9753)  | For treating low back pain and all other indications              | E/I                |
| Intravertebral body fracture augmentation with implantable DME (e.g. KIVA, Vertebral Body Stent, V-Strut) (C1062)  | All indications   | E/I                |
| Kinematic and Kinetic Motion Analysis Markless 3D (e.g. DARI Motion) (0693T)   | All indications   | E/I                |
| Laser therapy for nicotine dependence (S8948, 97039)   | All indications   | E/I                |
| Laser therapy for treatment of pain (e.g. Acculaser Pro, Excalibur System) (S8948, 0552T, 97039)   | All indications   | E/I                |
| Low-Pressure Pulse Generator (e.g. Menniett) (E2120)   | For treatment of Meniere's Disease and all other indications      | E/I                |
| Magnetic Capsule Endoscopy (e.g. NaviCam) (0651T)  | All indications   | E/I                |
| Meibomian Gland Evacuation Therapies (e.g., iLux Thermal Pulsation System, LipiFlow Thermal Pulsation System) (0207T, 0563T, 67999, 92499)                       | All indications   | E/I                |
| Minimally invasive facet fusion with allograft. (e.g. TruFuse, Fusio, NuFix) (0219T, 0220T, 0221T, 0222T)  | All indications   | E/I                |
| Motion preserving interspinous/interlaminar decompression/stabilization distraction devices (includes Superior (Vertiflex). XStop, Coflex, DIAM, Wallis) (C1821) | All indications   | E/I                |
| Neurostimulator generator (implantable), with carotid sinus baroreceptor stimulation lead (e.g. BaroStim Therapy) (C1825, 0266T,                                 | Heart failure and all other indications                           | E/I                |

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| 0267T, 0268T, 0269T, 0270T, 0271T, 0272T, 0273T)   |  |                    |
| Noncontact low frequency ultrasound therapy (97610)  | For healing chronic wounds and all other indications   | E/I                |
| Noncontact normothermic wound therapy (A6000, E0231, E0232)  | For healing chronic wounds and all other indications   | E/I                |
| Orthotrac Pneumatic Vest (E0830, E0941)  | For low back pain and all other indications  | E/I                |
| Percutaneous Disc Decompression Procedure (e.g., automated percutaneous discectomy, percutaneous laser discectomy, Yeung Endoscopic Spinal Surgery System (Y.E.S.S.) (62287) | All indications  | E/I                |
| Percutaneous neuromodulation therapy (e.g. Vertis PNT) (64999)   | For treatment of pain and all other indications  | E/I                |
| Prolotherapy (M0076)   | All indications  | E/I                |
| Quantitative sensory testing (0106T, 0107T, 0108T, 0109T, 0110T, )   | All indications  | E/I                |
| Scrambler Pain Therapy (Transcutaneous Electrical Modulation Pain Reprocessing) (0278T)  | All indications  | E/I                |
| Sensory and auditory integration therapies (97533)   | All indications  | E/I                |
| Signal Averaged Electrocardiography (SAECG) (93278)  | All indications  | E/I                |
| Sinus Tarsi Implant (e.g. subtalar implant) (0335T, 0510T, 0511T, S2117)   | All indications  | E/I                |
| Stem cell therapy for peripheral artery disease (0263T, 0264T 0265T)   | For peripheral artery disease  | E/I                |
| Surgical interruption of pelvic nerve pathways   | Treatment of pelvic pain (e.g., presacral neurectomy and uterosacral nerve ablation) and all other indications | E/I                |
| Therapeutic induction of intra-brain hypothermia (0776T) (e.g., Pro2Cool)  | For the treatment of concussion and all other indications  | E/I                |

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| Therapeutic Ultrafiltration (e.g. Aquadex SmartFlow System) (0692T)   | All indications  | E/I                |
| Thermal anisotropy measurement and assessment of flow wireless skin sensor (e.g. Flowsense) (0639T)   | Measurement/assessment of flow CSF shunt and all other indications   | E/I                |
| Thermography (93740)  | All indications  | E/I                |
| Thoracic Electrical Bioimpedance (TEB) for Cardiac Output Measurement (93701)   | All indications  | E/I                |
| Three dimensional (3-D) printed anatomic modeling (0559T, 0560T, 0561T, 0562T)  | For surgical planning and all other indications  | E/I                |
| Tidal knee lavage (27599)   | For treatment of osteoarthritis and all other indications  | E/I                |
| Transcatheter intracoronary infusion of supersaturated oxygen (e.g. TherOx DownStream System) (0659T)   | In conjunction with percutaneous therapy revascularization for acute myocardial infarction and all other indications | E/I                |
| Transcutaneous Auricular Neurostimulation (0783T) (e.g. Sparrow Therapy) (e.g. pro2cool)  | For the treatment of pain associated with opioid withdrawal and all other indications                                | E/I                |
| Transcutaneous electrical joint stimulation (Pulsed Electrical Stimulation) (E0762)   | All indications  | E/I                |
| Transcutaneous electric nerve stimulator (e.g., IB-Stim) (E1399, 64999)   | For treatment of functional abdominal pain and all other indications   | E/I                |
| Transcutaneous visible light hyperspectral imaging measurement, extremity(e.g.TransQ) (0631T)   | Measurement of oxyhemoglobin, deoxyhemoglobin, and tissue oxygenation per extremity and all other indications        | E/I                |
| Transcatheter renal sympathetic denervation, percutaneous approach including arterial puncture with selective catheter placement (0338T, 0339T) | All indications  | E/I                |
| Trigeminal nerve stimulation system -external non-implantable (e.g. Monarch eTNS) (K1016)   | Treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and all other indications                                      | E/I                |
| Upright Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)  | All indications  | E/I                |

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| (Standing/Seated/Weight Bearing/Positional) (76498)   |  |                    |
| Vaginal tactile imaging (0487T)   | For transvaginal biomechanical mapping and all other indications                             | E/I                |
| Vertebral body tethering (e.g. The Tether) (0656T, 0657T)   | For the treatment of pediatric and adolescent idiopathic scoliosis and all other indications | E/I                |
| VivAer airway remodeling (30999, 30469)   | For the treatment of nasal valve collapse and airway obstruction, and all other indications  | E/I                |
| Voiding Prosthesis (e.g. inFlow Intraurethral Valve) (0596T, 0597T)   | Impaired detrusor contractility or any other indication                                      | E/I                |
| Volara Oscillation and Lung Expansion System (E1399)  | All indications  | E/I                |
| Wireless pulmonary artery pressure monitoring systems for monitoring heart failure (CardioMEMS) (33289, 93264)<br><a href="#">Dean Advantage—Implantable Wireless Pulmonary Artery Pressure Monitor (CardioMEMS) MP9458</a> | All indications  | E/I                |
| Wilderness therapy – outdoor behavioral healthcare (T2036, T2037)   | For behavioral health indications and all other indications                                  | NC                 |

**2.0 Medically Necessary Definition** - The Health Plan benefit certificate defines medical necessary care as those treatment, services or supplies provided by a hospital or health care provider that are required to identify or treat a member’s illness or injury and which, as determined by our Health Services Division, are:

2.1 Consistent with the Member’s illness or injury; and

2.2 In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice; and

2.2.1 “Generally accepted standards of medical practice” means standards that are based on moderate or high quality scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature.

2.2.2 Moderate or high quality scientific evidence consists primarily of comparison or placebo-controlled clinical trials that directly demonstrate the benefit of the intervention on patient-oriented health outcomes. Nonvalidated surrogate or disease end point controlled or uncontrolled trials, observational trials, partially controlled observational studies and uncontrolled clinical series may be

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suggestive, but do not by themselves establish sufficient strength of evidence to prove medical necessity.

- 2.3 Not solely for the convenience of a member, hospital, or other provider; and
- 2.4 The most appropriate supply or level of service that can be safely provided to the member in the most cost effective manner.
- 3.0 Psychological reactions to appearance or fear of disease do not constitute a basis for medical/surgical necessity, other than for behavioral health services. Services or plastic surgery are not a benefit unless they represent a functional medical necessity.
- 4.0 The fact that a physician has performed or prescribed a procedure or treatment does **not** mean that it is medically necessary.
- 5.0 **Experimental and/or Investigational** - According to The Health Plan benefit certificate, these are surgical procedures or medical procedures/treatments, supplies or devices, or drugs which at the time provided or sought to be provided, are in the judgment of The Health Plan, Inc. Medical Directors not currently recognized as accepted medical practice and/or the procedure, treatment, supply, device or drug includes, but is not limited to, one of the following:
  - 5.1 Has not been approved by the appropriate governmental agency, such as, but not limited to, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the purpose it is being used for, which includes the patient's medical condition is not demonstrated to be as beneficial as established alternatives.
  - 5.2 Failure to demonstrate the procedure, treatment, supply, device or drug is safe and effective for the patient's medical condition.
  - 5.3 Based on a review of the current peer reviewed medical literature in the United States, there is a failure to demonstrate, at a minimum, an equivalent clinical outcome when compared to standard/conventional treatment for the condition.
  - 5.4 Requires a written investigational or research protocol. Is a treatment protocol based upon or similar to those used in on-going clinical trials.
  - 5.5 Note: A procedure, treatment, supply, device or drug may be considered experimental or investigational even if the provider has performed, prescribed, recommended, ordered, or approved it, or if it is the only available procedure or treatment for the condition.

### **CPT/HCPCS Codes Related to MP9415**

\* The list of codes (and their descriptors, if any) is provided for informational purposes only and may not be all inclusive or current. Listing of a code in this medical policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered service. Benefit coverage for any service is determined by the member's policy of health coverage with The Health Plan. Inclusion of a code above does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other medical policies may also apply.

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